

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS COMMITTEE

July 7, 1999

Maricopa Association of Governments Office, Ocotillo Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

VOTING MEMBERS

Carl Doak, Chandler	Lisa Ruane, Peoria
Mark Weiner, Gilbert	Jeff Van Skike, Phoenix (St. Trans.)
Pat Thurman, Glendale	Roger Olsen, Phoenix (Water)
* Joe Evans, Goodyear	* Rod Ramos, Scottsdale
Steve Williams for Bob Erdman, MCDOT	Andy Goh, Tempe
Doug Davis, Mesa	

ADVISORY MEMBERS

James Pulice, Jr., AGC	Jeff Benedict, ARPA
Jim Grose, AGC	Peter Kandarlis, SRP Engineering
Paul Nebeker, UTCA	* Mike Bonar, ACEA
Tom Domizi, UTCA	

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Paul Ward, MAG
Laura Stegall, MAG

GUESTS/VISITORS

Pete Johnson City of Phoenix

* Members neither present or represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was presented by Carl Doak of Chandler to adopt the minutes from the June 2, 1999 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mark Weiner. The motion was passed on voice vote.

3. Submitted Cases:

- a. **Case 99-03 - Misc. Corrections:** Cases A through D are existing cases. Cases E and F were added within this month. There was no discussions on this case.
- b. **Case 99-03 - Sections 104 & 105 - Issue Resolution:** Jimmy Pulice believed that all of the issues, comments, concerns, etc, except for one, were taken care of in this latest revision (June 18, 1999) of the case. Jimmy discussed the six major changes in the case generated from the input from other members: 1.) Change the name from Partnering to Issue Resolution, 2.) Make the names of the various levels more generic, 3.) Delete the Partnering paragraphs, 4.) Change the binding arbitration to an option. 5.) Allow both parties to escalate an issue. (No action was taken on this item) 6.) Delete the forced resolution and allow the issue solution go through it's normal steps.

Roger Olsen asked where the base language was developed. Jimmy used ADOT for the base. There was some discussion on the various solution levels, the contractor as well as the agency should be noted. Carl Doak noted that the word "Partnering" still remained in several locations in the present version. Also, the use of the word hierarchy should be changed to organization. Pat Thurman discussed Item Number 5 above. Presently written, only the Contractor can escalate an issue. Glendale believes to be fair, both parties should be permitted to escalate an issue. Pat will revisit the case and offer alternate wording by the next mailing. Also, the amount of the claim should be based on Section 109 but 109 is not in a good format. To change 109 now involve more time than we have this year. Carl recommend to work on 109 and the relating section next year.

- c. **Case 99-04 - Sections 230 & 792 - Dust Palliatives:** The latest revision of this case is dated June 15, 1999 and was distributed in the monthly mailing. Since that time Peter Kandaris has received a couple of small corrections/omissions to the case. They will be incorporated into the next mailing. There were no comments, corrections or changes from the members. If no further changes will be submitted, the committee could vote on this case in the next meeting.
- d. **Case 99-05 - Barricade:** Doug Davis provided a short history on the case. Pat Thurman requested that glass beads be hand placed in the paint to provide some light reflection at night. Only the cross member will require the beads.
- e. **Case 99-06 - Section 109.9 - Dollar Value of Major Item:** Doug Davis discussed the reason/purpose for the case. (See attached memo to the case or see last months writeup.) There were no comments, corrections or changes from the members.
- f. **Case 99-07 - Detail 270 - Frame & Cover Installation & Grade Adjustment:** There was a short discussion on the case. There were no comments, corrections or changes from the members.

- g. **Case 99-08 - Section 630 - Gate Valves:** Doug Davis provided a short discussion on the purpose/reason for the case. (See discussion in previous months minutes) There were no comments, corrections or changes from the members.

4. New Cases:

- a. **Case 99-09 - Detail 200 - Backfill, Pavement & Surface Replacement:** As a result of questions from two members, Peter Kandaridis discussed the purpose/reason for the case. The modification to Detail 200 was a consensus of all backfill and pavement replacements in the valley. By generating a detail that more closely reflects what the cities are using, it may encourage the usage of the detail. Today there is little usage.
- b. **Case 99-10 - ASTM Changes:** In a comparative search of the current ASTM's and MAG Specifications, the City of Mesa discovered several discrepancies. Most of them consisted of a number change. However, in one case, Mesa discovered that ASTM has a sunset law. If a test procedure is not reviewed, modified, changed, etc. within 8 years, it will drop from the active test procedures. One such test was the Marshall Mix Design. To resolve this problem, Mesa suggested to change to AASHTO T 2454. Doug Davis informed the committee that 7 more dropped test procedures are under investigation. If found to be dropped by the sunset rule, Doug suggested keeping the test but place a date in parenthesis after the test indicating the test has been dropped and the user must retrieve the test procedure from an older book. If this is the case, then Doug will submit the test for approval yet this year.
- c. **Case 99-11 - Miscellaneous Specifications Bloopers by McDOT:** Steve Williams of McDOT submitted a very large miscellaneous blooper case. They were discovered when the County proofed the metric version of the specifications.
- d. **Case 99-12 - Various Detail Changes by City of Phoenix:** Jeff Van Skike submitted four details (404, 427, 524 & 505) for correction or changes. The committee provided a quick review and commented on two of the details. Jeff will review the two and resubmit before next months mailing.

5. General Discussion:

- a. Discussion on the type of gasket: The City of Phoenix concurs that the material may not comply with AWWA. Doug Davis suggested that Roger Olson should submit a case next year correcting the deficiency.
- b. Laura Stegall of MAG staff discovered some differences between the details for the English and Metric versions. She requested direction on the differences. (Detail 303 and Detail 536)

- c. Laura announced that the Metric version has gone to the printers. Paper copies will be available for sale by next week. The cost will be \$45.00 per set (same as English) The English version is in the second printing (500 sets). MAG office has sold all of the first printing of 1,000 books.
- d. Paul Ward asked for volunteers to serve on a work group for the electronic details. He would like to establish a set of guidelines or standards that all details will govern.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p. m.